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March 1, 1884

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FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Selectmen submit the following:

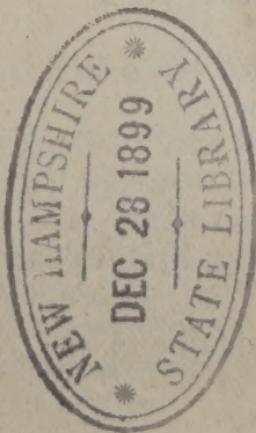
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

No. of Polls, 667; Real Estate—value, \$757,288; No. of Carriages, 65—value, \$4,650; No of Horses, 541—value, \$34,990; No. of Cattle, 1980—value, \$45,542; No. of Sheep, 1,529—value, \$4,814; No. of Swine, 38—value, \$314; Stock in Trade, \$70,540; Bank Stock and Money at Interest, \$118,790; Mills—value, \$11,350; Dogs, 98.

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED,

State Tax,	- - - -	1883,	\$2,164.00
County Tax,	- - - -	"	3,445.81
School Tax,	- - - -	"	2,331.70
Town Tax,	- - - -	"	8,058.49
Highway Tax in money,	- - - -	"	1,000.00
" " in labor,	- - - -	"	3,500.00
School and School House Tax, Dist. No. 1,"			1,650.00
School House Tax, District No. 4,		"	300.00

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	School Money
1	242.	\$1,114.96
2	15	112.80
3	32	148.26
4	28	111.44
5	17	96.30
6	23	160.27
7	10	73.90
8	15	84.60
9	32	139.80
10	9	63.00
11	6	64.20
14	7	59.20
15	14	80.60
Dalton,	6	22.50



Bounties,	19.60
Printing,	7.50
Insane Asylum, for insane poor,	112.47
Oil for street lamps,	110.03
J. C. Pattee, county treasurer, county tax,	3,445.81
W. L. Rowell, overseer of poor,	787.97
Bonds and Interest,	2,983.36
W. C Putnam, building receiving tomb,	600.00
Fire Department,	498.30
School District No. 1,	1,650.00
Several School Districts,	2,519.03
Highways for 1881-2-3,	1,376.72
F. Smith & Co., rent engine house,	25.00
Abatement taxes for 1882-3,	143.32
S. H. LeGro, services as selectman,	149.00
Jennie A. Porter, note and interest,	30.12
Police,	32.00
A. B. Sleeper, lighting street lamps,	21.40
Drew, Jordan & Carpenter, attorneys,	21.37
Services board of health,	84.00
J. M. Clark, services as selectman,	78.75
Geo. W. Cummings, services as collector,	150.00
Daniel Truland, services as selectman,	71.00
W. L. Rowell, services as overseer poor,	96.00
S. H. LeGro, for blank books and stationery,	16.63
Geo. S. Keniston, work on old cemetery,	8.00
J. I. Williams, supt. school com.,	32.00
C. E. McIntire, town clerk,	122.62
D. C. Pinkham, supt. school com.,	58.00
Balance on hand,	3,740.58
	\$21,618.68

March 1, 1884, We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them to be correct as above stated.

WM. HEYWOOD,
WILLIAM F. SMITH, }
J. W. FLANDERS. } Auditors.

We settled with Charles L. Griswold, late Treasurer, March 1, 1883, and found in his hands \$2,671.89. We settled with him again March 26, 1883 as follows:

	\$2,671.89
Received by him of Chessman, collector,	100.00
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He had paid out between said dates,	\$2,771.89 613.23

This sum Griswold paid to Smith, Treasurer, \$2,158.66

WM. HEYWOOD,
WILLIAM F. SMITH, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

Received of the Town,	\$787.97
Paid for support of town paupers,	\$734.45
Due from Coos County for assistance of county paupers,	<hr/> 53.52
	\$787.97

W. L. ROWELL,
Overseer of Poor.

March 1, 1884. We have settled the foregoing account with W. L. Rowell, Overseer of the Poor, and find the same to be correct as above stated.

S. H. LEGRO, } Selectmen
J. M. CLARK, } of
D. TRULAND, } Lancaster.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Teachers and scholars of the school in my jurisdiction, have faithfully performed their respective duties. Thorough discipline is the foundation of all progress in schools. The most successful teachers have little difficulty in securing this important feature without the exercise of unreasonable severity. The school room should be the most pleasant place the scholars can find, and the firm but agreeable teacher contributes very largely to this result. If the school is disagreeable for any cause its occupants soon contract loose and unstudious habits or reluctantly apply themselves to the hated task of learning lessons to avoid punishment. Teachers should possess a large share of originality and ingenuity. A happy thought suggested by the teacher, even though it be so mirthful as to create a general laugh in the school, will often cheer the weary scholars and change what seemed to them a heavy burden into a light and pleasant amusement.

If scholars are invited and not driven to study they will soon learn to love and not hate their daily employment, and as they advance in years, their desire to learn will steadily increase, and the habits of thought and study acquired in their early school days will be very likely to remain and contribute to their happiness and usefulness in life. The opposite course often drives them to seek amusements in other ways leading to dissipated and aimless lives.

Frequent change of teachers is objectionable and should be avoided. One school in town has been in charge of the same teacher eleven successive terms. We have no doubt the continued service of the same teacher so many terms has contributed largely to make it a good school.

There is some disposition among parents to interfere with government and other arrangements peculiarly within the province of the teacher. It is very important that

parents should make inquiries as to what their children are doing in school, but the teacher knows best how much they can accomplish and how much they deserve chastisement for disobedience. Parents should not assume the duties of teachers and committees,

For the benefit of teachers we call attention to an Act of our legislature passed at its last session, and which took effect March 1st, 1884, and applies to all the schools in the State.

"Teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system. The school committee may prescribe suitable rules and regulations etc., provided that physiology and hygiene, including special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, shall be prescribed in all schools sufficiently advanced."

Districts 2, 3 and 9 took the teacher's board from the school money at \$2.00 per week. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 15 gave board and the teachers boarded with the scholars. Both terms in 4, and second term in 15, the teachers boarded at home without expense to Districts.

In the column of term expenses, in the annexed schedule \$2.00 per week for board, whether gift or otherwise, are added to the sums paid teachers for each term.

Districts 2, 10, 11 and 14 all together have none too many scholars for one school.

D. C. PINKHAM.

Supt. Committee.

Statistical Report of the Several School Districts

REPORT OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The supervision of Union School District No. 1, having been assigned to my charge, it gives me pleasure to report that there has been as good progress made in the studies in all the rooms, as could be reasonably expected. The District was obliged to change three of its teachers, at the end of the spring term, a misfortune that could not be avoided and the new teachers had to lose some time in acquiring a personal knowledge of the different pupils and their requirements. Also the crowded condition of some of the schools hindered their progress. This last difficulty has been overcome, the District having provided an additional School room at the Academy Building, thus furnishing five schools, which with the High School arrangement made with the Academy, now providing ample accommodation for the fast increasing number of pupils. The teachers employed in the several Schools, have been those who have studied their vocation, and have given the pupils the benefit of their training and industry. There are few Schools in the State and certainly none in the Town, where the teachers give the hours of study in the preparation of the lessons for each day, that are cheerfully given by the teachers of this District, and the result is apparent in the progress made by the pupils.

The faults of the schools are almost without exception to be traced to the home of the pupils, and we have again to repeat, what we have so often called to the notice of the parents, viz, that it is impossible to expect progress in their studies, from children who receive no care at their homes, and whose minds are filled with thoughts of amusements, shows and skating rinks; that it is folly to expect good conduct from a boy who is permitted to run loose on streets and in the saloons, forming his idea of conduct from the frequenters of these resorts. It is useless to ask a teacher with a room of fifty pupils to train boys so contaminated, and by the whip and brute force to compel an unwilling obedience from them. If the parents

cannot co-operate with the teachers and by moral suasion withdraw their children from bad influences when away from the school room, all that can be done is to exclude them from our schools, that their pernicious example may not injure others, we must leave them in ignorance as knowledge is a weapon of strength to vice as well as virtue. Will not the parents interest themselves in this matter and help the teachers in their arduous task? *Then* we can have a perfect school and *not before*.

During the past year the District has expended in permanent repairs \$678.50., putting on double windows, sheathing the lower rooms and putting two furnaces in the School Building, so that we now have four of the best ventilated school rooms in the State. A new fence has also been made around the lot and it seems that for sometime to come there can be no call for extraordinary repairs. There is \$294.60 left on hand to be used the coming year. Annexed I present the Statistical Report that will show the amount and expense of the schools in the several grades.

Respectfully Submitted

J. I. WILLIAMS,

Supt. Committee.

Lancaster March 1st, 1884.

